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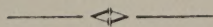


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TOWN EXPENDITURES.

Report of the Selectmen.

Cash paid out by the Town Treasurer by order of Selectmen.

PAID FOR SCHOOLS.

District No. 1,	\$430 34
“ “ 2,	173 46
“ “ 3,	71 34
“ “ 4,	222 66
“ “ 5,	232 90
“ “ 6,	97 52
“ “ 7,	164 43
“ “ 8,	88 89
“ “ 9,	53 27
“ “ 10,	42 39
“ “ 11,	292 11
“ “ 12,	175 76
“ “ 13,	176 41
	<hr/> 2221 48
School Committee,	75 00
	<hr/> 2296 48

Paid for Repairing Roads.

William T. Bucknam,	\$ 15 13
C. R. Fletcher,	8 90
Geo. W. Wilson,	6 58
A. C. Wheeler,	69 50
James L. Chandler,	21 47
Emerson Howe,	49 03
Charles Wheeler,	93 54
A. F. Wright,	12 00
L. W. Hastings,	17 64
M. L. Sargent,	35 60
R. A. Wright,	9 54
S. A. Russell,	3 00
Benj. Sawyer,	45 10
P. W. Manley,	3 00
N. O. Whitney,	11 34
J. A. Wheeler,	20 62
A. Jowders,	17 99
F. W. Preston,	27 80
Marshall Kimball,	10 30
S. F. Blanchard,	4 32
C. H. Obear,	3 00
	—————485 40

Paid for Breaking Roads.

Albert N. Brooks,	\$ 23 55
C. H. & J. E. Bullard,	38 97
R. A. Wright,	75 79
O. H. Perry,	23 40
Cyrus F. Smith,	4 14
Charles P. Nutting,	34 47
William E. Maxwell,	15 98
Ephraim Butrick,	5 76
J. S. Wetherbee,	25 37

S. F. Blanchard,	\$ 12 88
Geo. Palmer,	7 32
J. O. Wheeler,	26 38
S. K. Foster,	45 09
Geo. W. Wheeler 2nd,	60 51
N. O. Whitney,	51 62
Geo. W. Brown,	9 00
J. A. Wheeler,	49 09
J. G. Lawrence,	30 51
Charles Miller,	48 60
William G. Emery,	36 97
A. C. Wheeler,	115 61
John B. Emery,	31 40
Geo. H. Ramsdell,	150 88
Lyman F. Partridge,	21 51
A. Jowders,	54 32
Calvin Blood,	3 96
E. Nutting,	20 97
Edmond Bathrick,	3 69
Joseph Ennis,	3 96
F. W. Prichard,	118 50
L. W. Hastings,	39 55
A. S. Bucknam,	8 45
T. J. Huntce,	97 14
Daniel Farwell,	10 55
Marshall Kimball,	35 54
John H. Whitney,	16 02
Calvin Fletcher,	9 00
Reuben Taylor,	9 61
M. L. Sargent,	69 19
M. W. Harris,	25 64
Wm. T. Bucknam,	49 96
Daniel Fish,	4 15
Luther J. Phelps,	11 88
Edwin Maxwell,	48 78

Geo. W. Wheeler 2nd,	\$ 19 46
Emerson Howe,	19 20
James E. Carr,	44 32
Charles A. Hood,	4 32
A. H. Willard Jr.,	76 30
C. R. Fletcher,	33 82
A. J. Blanchard,	111 24
Geo. D. Burton,	8 85
Wm. D. Locke,	8 82
Charles Wheeler,	12 04
Daniel Butman,	13 77
Geo. D. Jaquith,	3 20
A. R. Tenney,	23 31
M. Beaton,	22 68
Geo. S. Wheeler,	30 73
M. S. Wilson,	8 88
Oliver Tenney,	46 70
Gilman Blanchard,	2 47
Geo. W. Chandler,	3 15
	— 2078 63

Town Officers.

H. O. Preston,	} Selectmen,	7 25
Charles Wheeler,		65 50
Eli Foster,		63 00
Emerson Howe,		54 00
C. A. Whitney, Town Clerk,		30 00
F. W. Preston, Town Treasurer,		35 00
Police Officers,		18 00
		— 272 75

Miscellaneous Expenses.

Paupers,	\$ 636 83
Fire Department,	359 98
Printing and Stationary,	53 25
Ministerial Fund Interest,	78 93
Abatement and Collection of Taxes,	347 39
Decoration Day Aid,	50 00
Law Expenses,	40 40
Cemetery,	23 66
Soldiers Monument,	73 51
Ringling Bell, three years,	150 00
Bounty on Foxes &c.,	5 60
Miscellaneous,	61 43
	— 1880 98

Summary.

Total amount of orders drawn on Treasurer,	\$ 7014 24
For Schools and Committee,	2296 48
“ Repairing Roads,	485 40
“ Breaking Roads,	2078 63
“ Town Officers,	272 75
“ Miscellaneous,	1880 98
	— 7014 24

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHARLES WHEELER,	} Selectmen of New Ipswich.
ELI FOSTER,	
EMERSON HOWE,	

New Ipswich, N. H. Feb., 16, 1878.

REPORT

OF THE

Overseers of the Poor.

There are now supported wholly or partly by the Town,
the following persons:

James Fletcher,

Emery Carr,

Susan Maxwell.

and two children of Mrs. George Cushing.

The total amount paid out on Pauper account, during the past year, was—

\$636 83

\$636.83

Received from County,

\$169 50

Rent of Carr Farm,

30 00

—199 50

Showing the net cost for the year,

—437 33

CHARLES WHEELER, } Overseers
ELI FOSTER, } of the
EMERSON HOWE, } Poor.

New Ipswich, N. H., Feb. 16, 1878.

F. W. PRESTON,
To Town of New Ipswich, Dr.

To Cash from 1876,	\$ 3663 86
" " " Collector of 1876,	1924 94
" " " " " 1877,	7328 92
" " " " " 1874,	730 47
" " " County for Paupers,	169 50
" " " Nancy Walton Estate,	20 00
" " " Carr Farm,	20 00
" " " Savings Bank Tax,	1146 12
" " " Rail Road Tax,	2 88
" " " Insurance "	3 75
" " " Literary Fund,	101 91

15122 35

Town of New Ipswich,
To F. W. PRESTON, Dr.

To paying State Tax,	1528 00
" " County "	870 85
" " Town Orders,	4792 76
" " School "	2221 48
" Cash on hand,	5709 26

15122 35

Auditors' Report.

The Auditors, appointed by the town, to settle with the Selectmen and Treasurer, have attended to the duties of their office, and find their accounts properly vouched, and correctly cast.

The expenses of the town the past year have been as follows.

To paying State Tax,	\$1528 00
“ “ County “	870 85
“ “ Paupers,	636 83
“ “ Breaking Roads,	2078 63
“ “ Repairing “	485 40
“ “ Fire Department,	359 98
“ “ Town Officers,	272 75
“ “ Schools, and Committee,	2296 48
“ “ Collection and abatem't of Taxes,	347 39
“ “ Printing and Stationery,	53 25
“ “ Soldiers' Monument,	73 51
“ “ Law Expenses,	40 40
“ “ Ministerial Fund Interest,	78 93
“ “ Decoration Day,	50 00
“ “ Cemeteries,	23 66
“ “ Ringing Bell, (three years,)	150 00
“ “ Miscellaneous,	67 03
	————— 9413 09

Financial Condition of the Town.

The Town has on its hands, the Ministerial and School Funds, amounting to \$2667.30, on which they pay interest annually.

The assets of the Town are as follows:

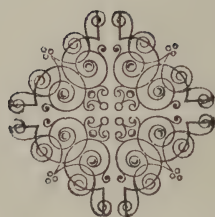
The Carr Farm, valued at,	\$ 500 00
Note of C. H. Obear, (secured by Mortgage),	525 00
Due from Collector for 1877,	1000 00
Cash on hand,	5184 26
	—————7209 26

We recommended that the sum of Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1500.00) be raised by the Town for incidental expenses the current year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. O. PRESTON,	} Auditors.
WM. W. JOHNSON,	
J. P. CLARK,	

New Ipswich, N. H., February 16, 1878.



ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SUPERINTENDENT OF
SCHOOLS,
OF THE TOWN OF
NEW IPSWICH, N. H.

For the Year Ending March, 1878.

FELLOW CITIZENS:

Most of our schools the past year have prospered, and in nearly all cases good teachers have been secured. District No. 9 has been in care of Rindge this year. The following is a brief synopsis of the schools in each District.

DISTRICT No. 1.

Hiram Stevens, Prudential Committee.

Three terms; Miss Nellie F. Moreland, Teacher. This is our largest school and requires good management to keep the children in order. Miss Moreland seems to have succeeded very well. The order was good. I am glad the same teacher could be secured the whole year. Most of our schools change instructors too often. Miss Moreland entered the work with a desire to succeed and do her best, and that the terms were prosperous was shown at the examinations by the progress made. Quite a number of scholars were neither absent or tardy during each term.

DISTRICT No. 2.

Alfred R. Tenney, Prudential Committee.

Miss Anna A. Goldsmith, Teacher. Miss Goldsmith is an experienced and superior teacher. The school appeared finely at examination. There were only two tardy marks. This school is to be congratulated on securing so fine a teacher.

The second term was under Miss Octavia Curtis. Miss Curtis has good methods of teaching and the school appeared well at the visits of the Committee. The examination was good.

A third term is now in progress in care of Miss Hayward.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Addison Spaulding, Prudential Committee.

This school had three terms; the first term Miss Sarah A. Parry was teacher. Miss Parry proved to be a very good teacher, and though she had but five scholars, kept up the interest and was very faithful.

The Fall and Winter terms were under the care of Miss Flora A. Kyle. Miss Kyle had taught here two terms before and was known in the school. She succeeded well.

DISTRICT No. 4.

John Wilkinson, Prudential Committee.

Miss Lizzie M. Hale had charge of the Summer and Fall terms of this school: the progress made in all branches was very fine. The little ones advanced wonderfully, and every recitation showed thorough drill. Miss Hale has taught several terms in this District before and her good works are so well known it is unnecessary to speak of them further.

Winter term; Miss Sarah A. Parry, Teacher. This was a prosperous term. Miss Parry is a very faithful teacher and the scholars improved under her instruction.

DISTRICT No. 5.

Oliver H. Perry, Prudential Committee.

The first term, Miss Lizzie F. Perry was teacher. This was Miss Perry's first term in teaching, and was made harder by being in her own District. She seemed to be faithful in her attempt to instruct the children, and progress was shown at the examination.

Second and third terms, Miss Abbie A. Brigham, Teacher. Miss Brigham is an efficient teacher, and has had much experience. The two terms were very prosperous. The school appeared well at examination, and the scholars seemed to have made much improvement. It was good for the school to have the same teacher both terms.

DISTRICT No. 6.

Thomas J. Huntlee, Prudential Committee.

The two terms of this school were in charge of the same teacher, Miss Hattie D. Gordon. The schools were small but the progress was good and the interest well maintained. The school appeared very well at the examinations, and did credit to the teacher.

This District however should be joined to No. 5, or a part of it, and the rest with No. 7.

DISTRICT No. 7.

William D. Locke; Prudential Committee.

The Summer term, Miss Lura M. Elliott was teacher. This was Miss Elliott's first experience but showed that she had good qualifications for an instructor. The scholars seemed to love their teacher and good progress was made. The Winter term was in care of Miss Lillie S. Adams, and was another prosperous term. The school appeared very well at the two visits I made. There was no examination owing to the severe storm of Feb. 1.

DISTRICT No. 8.

James G. Lawrence, Prudential Committee.

First term, John York At Lee, Teacher. This school is not large but the scholars seemed to make good progress and appeared well at examination. This was Mr. At Lee's second term in the District.

Second term, Philip F. Gordon, Teacher. This was Mr. Gordon's first term at teaching and he seemed to succeed well. The school was small and the term quite long yet the interest was well kept up.

DISTRICT No. 10.

James E. Carr, Prudential Committee.

First term, Miss Gertrude E. Wilder, Teacher. This school is small but the regularity and punctuality in attendance of the scholars, will compare favorably with any school. This was Miss Wilder's first term but she seemed to be successful. This District should consolidate with No. 8; it would be to the advantage of both schools. Miss Wilder's average attendance is affected by the scholars of No. 8 coming in after their school had finished, for two weeks. The amount of money appropriated to this school was so small that it all was used on one term, but Mr. Carr had a second term, with Miss Sarah J. Jenkins, Teacher, as I understand at his own expense. I was not present at the examination, but when visited the school appeared well.

DISTRICT No. 11.

Charles B. Preston, Prudential Committee.

All of the three terms of this school were placed in the good keeping of Miss Helen E. Hood. Miss Hood has experience and the patience and energy in her work, which are sure qualifications of success. She is very thorough in her teaching and has many ways of interesting, and at the same time instructing her pupils. It was a pleasure to attend the examinations, and visit the school, and see it in so happy a condition. At the closing of the Winter term the scholars showed their appreciation of the teacher by some appropriate gifts.

DISTRICT No. 12

M. Sargent, Prudential Committee.

First term, Miss F. R. Kyle, Teacher. This is a hard school both from the mixed character of scholars, a foreign element being represented, and from the lack of interest displayed by many of the parents in the matter of educating

their children. Miss Kyle was a very patient and faithful teacher, though having so many discouragements. The scholars seemed to have improved and some did very well at examination. The second term was in charge of Miss Frances Lowe. Miss Lowe had several more advanced scholars that were not present the first term, which added to the interest of the school and of the examination. The scholars seemed to have learned well.

This school is noted for its tardy marks owing somewhat to neglect of duty on part of parents. Many of the children in this school were very intelligent and quick to learn. The foreign part keeping pace with the American in that respect.

DISTRICT No. 13.

A. N. Townsend,

Prudential Committee.

The first and second terms were respectively in charge of Miss Jennie Walker and Miss Effie Cutter. Both these teachers were inexperienced in District school teaching, and unprepared for the lack of interest and want of cooperation with the teacher on the part of parents, and the mischievousness; if we do not call it by some stronger term, of our growing generation. They might have succeeded in smaller and easier schools, but here the terms were not prosperous.

The third term was in care of Miss Lizzie M. Hale. The school could not have found a better teacher. It was a hard task to take the school in its demoralized state and bring it into good condition. Miss Hale was equal to the emergency and the examination showed thorough drill and a good degree of improvement.

REMARKS.

Our School System; Can it be improved?

It seems to me it can. The teachers should all be examined by the Committee before they are engaged. As it is now many teachers are selected from some distance; they do not come to be examined till about time for the term to commence, when a refusal to grant a certificate occasions delay to the school and causes the Prudential Committee much embarrassment, or else the Superintendent is forced to allow an incompetent teacher to go into the School-room. Then, again, teachers are often chosen for certain schools, who, perhaps on account of acquaintances in the District, or for some other reason, would not succeed well in that particular place, but would be well qualified to instruct in some other school. Supposing the Prudential system was abolished, and a Committee of three chosen as a Board of Education. They look over the schools, see the class of scholars and see the requirements of each school and they can more easily select teachers fitted for their places. Also, every teacher would be examined before they were hired, which would certainly be a great advantage. This Board can easily secure some one in each District to see to the wood and take care of the school-house. Then, too, our school-houses should be kept in good repair; this should be the case in every instance, but now some Districts are enterprising enough and interested sufficiently to take care of the buildings; others either get into a quarrel about the matter, or take no interest, and so the school-houses go to decay. If you choose your Board, let one of the requirements be that they keep every building in good substantial order. The distribution of money, also is so unequal among the Districts, that some schools are forced to have little schooling and an inferior teacher for want of funds.

I hope, fellow citizens, that you will look at this matter in

all its bearings. ' Education of the children is for the prosperity and safety of our town. We cannot afford to be asleep in this matter. It is a question of economy also. Let us make our system as good as possible.

CONSOLIDATION.

Another bad feature of our present system is the number of Districts. We have thirteen schools in town making an average of only $14\frac{1}{2}$ scholars to each school, including all the children over four years of age in the place. These do not all attend every term, so the number per school, if they were evenly distributed, would not be over, if quite fourteen. It seems a waste of money to have so many schools. We raise funds enough to put our schools in good order, but this sum has to be divided among so many Districts, short schools and poor ones are the result. I know it is hard to fix the bounds of Districts so that all can be near the school-house, but if a better school and more of it can be had by a little more travel or exertion it pays well. Certainly we do not need but ten schools, and ought not to have more than five or six. No. 3 has but four or five regular scholars, and should be abandoned as a District and consolidated with No. 12. In No. 6 the scholars, most of them, could be even better accommodated than now by a union with No. 7 in part of the District add No. 5 in the other part. The scholars in District No. 8 most of them attend some other school when theirs is not in session, showing that they could do so all the time if necessary. In No. 10 they need a new school-house, they might put it a little nearer No. 8; and those this side the mountain could come to No. 7. It seems as though there could be no go good objection to the consolidation of these Districts. Nos. 1 and 13, as also Nos. 11 and 12 could have better schools by uniting the Districts and grading the schools. The small scholars in one room, the large ones by themselves, could both make more progress. The two school-houses could be kept and have the scholars in seperate buildings if thought best.

TEXT BOOKS.

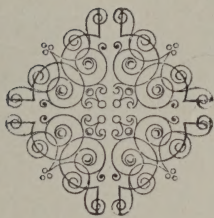
Pains have been taken to get information about the books used. Every teacher was requested to make out a list of those in his or her school. The Readers, Franklin Series, are very good and are generally used; but beyond these all is confusion. Seven or eight different Arithmetics; as many Geographies; and various Histories are reported; hardly any two schools are alike in books used. A great many scholars are not well supplied: this ought to be remedied. There should be a thorough revision of text books and a uniformity secured and enforced throughout all our schools. Too frequent change, instead of being beneficial, is very hurtful, and the expense incident upon such changes is quite an item. Now, however the condition is so complicated, a Committee ought to be chosen by the town; the books carefully examined, and the best series, and only this, allowed to be used. Then the Parents will know what to depend upon, and they should see to it that all their children are supplied with books. Each school should be supplied with a complete set of the books in use for the teachers reference. I hope some action will be taken in this matter as it is very important.

These suggestions I would only offer for your consideration and hope you will give them all careful thought. I find nearly all our best teachers are in full sympathy with the Committee in feeling the need of some change in our system, and it does seem as though we must do something if we wish to keep up at all with the demands of the times and also to protect ourselves from the present waste, if we may call it so, of our money.

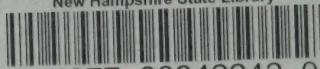
All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. W. CUMMINGS,
Superintending Committee.

Number of District.	Names of Teachers.	Number of Terms.	Amount appropriated to each District.	Wages of Teacher per month.	Number of Scholars.	Average Attendance.	No. of times tardy.	No. of scholars neither tardy or absent during term.	Length of school in weeks.
1	{ Nellie F. Moreland,	1	\$430 34	\$36 00	37 31	21	8	8	
	{ Nellie F. Moreland,	2		36 00	35 27	18	9	10	
	{ Nellie F. Moreland,	3		36 00	34 27	43	7	12	
2	{ Anna A. Goldsmith,	1	173 46	24 00	13 11	2	3	10	
	{ Octavia Curtis,	2		26 00	13 10	11	2	10	
	{ Miss Hayward,	3	Term	still	in session.				
3	{ Sarah A. Parry,	1	71 34	20 00	5 4	8	0	8	
	{ Flora A. Kyle,	2		18 00	7 4	12	0	8	
	{ Flora A. Kyle,	3		20 00	8 7	15	0	8	
4	{ Lizzie M. Hale,	1	222 66	28 00	12 8	7	2	8	
	{ Lizzie M. Hale,	2		28 00	20 18	2	2	8	
	{ Sarah A. Parry,	3		32 00	20 20	32	10		
5	{ Lizzie F. Perry,	1	232 90		12 11½	54	0	8	
	{ Abbie A. Brigham,	2			18 16½	51	1	8	
	{ Abbie A. Brigham,	3		School	closed too late			for ret'n.	
6	{ Hattie D. Gordon,	1	97 52	20 00	10 8	20	1	8	
	{ Hattie D. Gordon,	2		22 00	8 5	38	2	12	
	{ Lura M. Elliott,	1	164 43	24 00	10 8	0	2	8	
7	{ Lillie S. Adams,	2		26 00	15 10	57	2	14	
8	{ Jno. Yorke At Lee,	1	88 89	22 00	10 7	0	0	6	
	{ Philip F. Gordon,	2		22 00	12 8	23	0	12	
9	(In care of Rindge.)		(53 27)						
10	{ Gertrude E. Wilder,	1	42 31	21 00	41 9	3	2	7	
	{ Sadie J. Jenkins,	2			7 6¼	4	4	6	
11	{ Helen E. Hood,	1	292 11	32 00	19 15	9	5	12	
	{ Helen E. Hood,	2		32 00	22 19	11	2	10	
	{ Helen E. Hood,	3		32 00	18 14	18	2	12	
12	{ Flarilla R. Kyle,	1	175 70	22 00	32 24	157	0	11	
	{ Frances Lowe,	2		28 00	32 25	78	3	11	
	{ Jennie Walkar,	1	176 41	32 00	24 18			8	
13	{ Effie Cutter,	2		32 00	19 18			6	
	{ Lizzie M. Hale,	3		36 00	19 18	34	3	8	



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